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Dear Brother Phelps - Yours is received,
and as I know not that I shall see you before the
~~Annual~~ Annual Meeting, and perhaps not
~~even~~ then, I take the liberty to express
a thought or two. If friend Garrison
will not exclude from the Liberator the
"No human government theory," I should
be in favor, with my present light, of
starting a new paper. As there is a new
paper to be published, to be called "the
Non-Resistant," perhaps this matter might
be excluded from the ~~letter~~ Liberator. I,
however, doubt it. It may be best to
start a new paper in any event. In
relation to this, I am not fully pre-
pared to give an opinion. I am
however inclined to think, ^{you} will not
and cannot have strength enough
at the Annual Meeting to adopt the
even paper as the organ of the State
Society, if Garrison and his friends
oppose it. The fact is, a large majority
of the abolitionists who will attend
the Annual Meeting are Liberator
abolitionists. Whether this is the State
case through the State, I cannot say.
If a new paper is started, my present
opinion is, that it should be about
the size of the Herald of Freedom.

published weekly, and sent at \$1. per
year. And unless there can be
any understanding with Garrison
and the friends of the Liberator,
I think it would be better not
to attempt to make it the
organ of the State Society this
year. It can be so virtually
if you please, and hereafter
it can be so in form. Let both
papers go on their ~~own~~ responsibility
for the year to come, and in the
course of the year, the abolition
ists of Mass. will see that somebody
besides Garrison, can make an
Anti-Slavery paper. They will then
not be so afraid of the new paper. I
should prefer not to resort to forcible
means to set up the new paper, or
have an open rupture in the
Anti-Slavery ranks.

I think a new weekly, one dollar
paper, ably conducted, would cover
a great deal of ground that no
Anti-Slavery paper now in existence
does or can cover. But it is not
in my judgment, indispensably
necessary, that it should be at first
the official organ to the State Society.

And I think if you attempt that,
you will fail - but perhaps
not. I think, with my present light,
I ~~should~~ could not go for a mea-
sure that would array one
half the abolitionists in Mass.
against the other. But I confess
I hardly know what is best, and
I am not so confirmed in any
opinion, touching this matter,
but I may alter it on further
reflection, or when I have more
light. We need much wisdom.
May the Lord direct. [Such are
the prejudices against the Liberator
that it cannot fully meet the
wants of the State.] Cannot Mr.
Garrison be made sensible of this?
And cannot some arrangement
be entered into that will be
satisfactory all round. This
I thought much prefer.

I ^{have} not calculated to attend the
annual meeting, and know not
as I can, as I have engagements
abroad - but shall if I can. I leave
immediately for the West part of the
State and Vermont. My young & sweet

Mr Amos A. Phelps
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Care Mr J. C. Fuller care 1 Pitt.